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DEMAND FOR "IKE" UNIQUE

The universality of the demand for Eisenhower as President is unprecedented in United States history. It has continued even after the General's statement of January 23 last: "I could not accept nomination even under the remote circumstances that it was offered to me," and after the announcement on Monday by "Ike's" official spokesman: "He has not changed one iota in his position."

Other men have had almost unanimous support as presidential candidates within one political party. What makes the Eisenhower situation unique is that he is in demand from both parties. (Last September I he said: "I am neither a Republican nor a Democrat."

General William Tecumseh Sherman's telegram to the Republican convention in 1884: If nominated I will not accept; if elected, I will not serve," has led to an impression 64 years later that the nomination was Sherman's for the asking. As a matter of fact, in 1884 most Republican leaders were enthusiastic about James G. Blaine, who was to be nominated, and probably Sherman couldn't have overcome the Blaine sentiment even if he had tried.

The nearest analogies to the sentiment for Eisenhower today were the universal demand for George Washington as the first President and for Monroe for re-election in 1820. Washington received a vote from every Presidential elector in 1789. But no political parties had yet been organized, so it can hardly be said that the Father of his Country had bipartisan support like Eisenhower's today. Although Washington was unanimously re-elected in 1792, he had become unpopular with many segments of the population and the object of many vehement attacks.

In 1820 the Federalist party had disappeared as a national force and presented no nominee against Monroe for re-election. He received all the electoral votes except one, even those of the eight Federalists from Massachusetts, including former President John Adams and Daniel Webster.

This was the so-called "Era of Good Feeling (s)." Nevertheless there was much dissatisfaction with the President because of his signature of the Missouri Compromise Act and because of an economic depression which had set in during 1819. Professor W. E. Pinkney says: "Had the (presidential) election then possessed its present significance, Monroe could not have been re-elected without opposition." ..... As for General Grant after the Civil War, the demand for him as President in 1868 was confined to the Republicans; in the election he failed to carry New York and New Jersey.

—Winchester Star

END OF AN UNFORTUNATE INCIDENT

Reprinted from The Winchester Star

On March 13, a few hours before adjournment, the Virginia House of Delegates, by a voice vote, adopted a resolution directing the State Corporation Commission to investigate the Richmond newspapers, giving special attention to whether the ownership of the only two papers in that city created a monopoly. The resolution resulted from severe criticism which the Richmond newspapers leveled at the House of Delegates. Many members, probably a substantial majority, felt that the two newspapers were being unfair in their editorial comment and in their presentation of the news.

The House resolution (the Senate was not involved) not only was unfortunate and ill-advised, but it struck rather sharply at one of the fundamentals of democratic government, freedom of the press. Critical comment, or even unfair comment, regarding the action of public officials cannot and must not, in our opinion, be considered grounds for using governmental machinery for retaliation. Certainly the resolution was born of anger and approved in haste, and could not have reflected the calm judgment of those splendid men who serve in that branch of the legislature. Most probably the resolution would never have been adopted except for the confusion of adjournment and the momentary absence of the capable and experienced floor leader, Mr. E. Blackburn Moore, who was attending an important meeting of the Joint Senate-House Committee charged with ironing out last minute differences in the Appropriation Bill.

Yesterday, however, an ending was written to this unnecessary and unfortunate incident: The Corporation Commission informed the Governor that the House, acting alone, lacked the authority to delegate to it the necessary power. The resolution, the Commission pointed out, "Is not a directive of the General Assembly of Virginia, which under Section 40 of the Constitution of Virginia possesses the legislative power of the State, but is rather a mandate of a single branch thereof."

Most of the members of the House, we feel certain, will not regret that the ill-considered resolution has found a grave. These splendid men, we know, are too steeped in the traditions of democracy to sanction what has been construed as a threat against Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States. The entire incident, we believe, is one which was born of anger, accepted in jest and in haste, and regretted upon reflection.

"TALKINGEST NATION, THAT'S U. S.

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The United States, with nearly one telephone for every four persons and more than 42,000,000,000 completed conversations a year, is the "talkingest" nation of all.

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More than two-thirds of the world's telephones are operated under private enterprise, and 85 per cent of these are in the United States. The other third are operated by governmental agencies. The United States has nearly four times as many telephones as the total served by the four largest government systems—those in the United Kingdom, France, U.S.S.R., and Sweden.

Play safe—drive carefully.

U. S. and Russia confer on the blockade of roadways.

Italy parades military units as warning to Communists.

Chinag may resign presidency of China.

Virginia colleges now in midst of baseball season.

U. S. desires short session on the Palestine question.

Steelworkers to present demands for pay increases.

Russian fighter plane and British plane collide over airport in Berlin. Fifteen killed.

United States outlines plan for trusteeship in Palestine, as British continue preparations to withdraw their forces upon termination of mandate.

State may impose restrictions on use of power if present strike of coal miners continues.

Vepco and union come to agreement on wage boost.

Some areas report damage to fruit crop as extensive as result of recent frost and freeze.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

By LOUIE D. NEWTON, D. D.

SCRIPTURE: Ezekiel 18; 34; 36:22-31; 37:1-14.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Ezekiel 34; 25-31.

His Message to Exiles

Lesson for April 11, 1948

CONTINUING the theme of last Sunday's lesson, we go further into the ministry of Ezekiel as God's messenger to a people in exile. For this Sunday we have chapters 18 and 34, and portions of the 36th and 37th chapters.

Dr. Newton

The 18th chapter opens with a revealing rebuke to Ezekiel. God tells him expressly that he is not to say any more to the Jews that "the fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. As I live, saith the Lord God, ye shall not have occasion any more to use this proverb in Isreal. Behold, all souls are mine." And then God adds, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die."

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GOD'S LOVE AND CARE

ALL through these chapters in Sunday's lesson, two solemn truths appear—God's love for his people, manifest in unwearied care; and the responsibility of each soul for the sin which such commits against God.

This truth, or these truths, I should say, are equally applicable for us today. As Ezekiel was sent to remind the people of God's love and care, so must we, early in our youth, accept the responsibility of accepting his love or rejecting his love.

We cannot claim his care if we despise his will. That is the message of Ezekiel for us.

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WHAT GOD IS LIKE

NOWHERE in the Old Testament is the love of God more manifest and compelling than in Ezekiel 34:11-27. I hope that you will open your Bible to this passage. Here the Bible speaks in words that burn with the compassionate love of God for sinful souls.

"I will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and I will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day . . . And I will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers."

One is reminded here of Jesus, when he said, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

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A NEW HEART

"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you," Ezekiel 36:26.

Here we have, perhaps, the sublimest sentence in the prophecy of Ezekiel. God is speaking. Ezekiel is merely the messenger—the voice, as John the Baptist delighted to describe himself.

Ezekiel has faithfully declared that each individual is responsible unto God, and just as faithfully he has proclaimed God's love and care, and now he adds the third great truth, namely, that God waits to bestow the new heart and the new spirit to every repentant soul.

A new heart and a new spirit. That is what the Jews needed. That is what the world needs today—a new heart and a new spirit. Only God could give a new heart then, and only God can make such gift today.

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EZEKIEL'S MESSAGE FOR US

WOULD we listen to Ezekiel today? He has the message we need above all other words that may be spoken. He called the Jews to repentance of sin. That is what America needs today. Boys and girls need it. Men and women need it. And just as God waited patiently to bestow the new heart and spirit to Israel in the long ago, so does he wait to grant us today a new heart and a new spirit.

"Our God, our help, in ages past,
Our Hope for years to come;
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home."

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American Girls Dress Too Flashily, Say Nine French Singers

Turn Thumbs Down After Tour of Night Spots

BOSTON, MASS.—Nine French singers concluding a windup tour of U. S. night spots turned thumbs down on the wardrobe of the American woman.

"We've observed the American girl in New York, Miami and Boston," said Jean-Louis Jaubert, director of the troupe. "They don't understand color. They are too flashy. They wear meaningless hats. They lack the clothes instinct of the French woman."

Jaubert said he and the boys had unlimbered their baritones in some classy and far-flung boulevard bistros, but never had seen hats so bewildering as those worn by Boston women. Only in Miami, he said, did girls wear gold evening slippers during the day.

"American women are beautiful," he conceded with the eyebrow flourish of the expert. "Two of our group are taking American brides home. Two others are trying. We agree the American woman is charming, intelligent and talented—but can't dress."

"Their bathing suits are adequate," he said. "Not so daring as the French, but adequate. But dresses are too long. Skirts are too full and swishy. Shoes are too eccentric. Their clothes are loud at the wrong times and yet whisper when they should shout."

Gentleman Robber Uses New "Kilroy" Technique

CHARLESTON, S. C.—Police here are looking for gentleman by the name of Woodrow, who like Kilroy of army fame, leaves his calling card in the homes he visits

The man entered a Yonges Island home while the family was away.

He helped himself to a full meal, washed the dishes, set the table, then went to bed.

Discovered by a neighbor's son, the intruder departed with a pistol and $5.

"Just say Woodrow was here," he told the lad.

Retired Homing Pigeon, 31, Baffles Army Bird Experts

FT. MONMOUTH, N. J.—Kaiser, a military homing pigeon, has astounded experts by tripling the normal life span of his breed.

Healthy, a bit pampered, apparently not too aware of his mark in bird history, Kaiser is living here in semi-retirement at the army signal corps pigeon breeding and training center. He has outlived scores of mates and dozens of offspring. He continues to find new mates and to father new members of the line.

German-born Kaiser was captured by American troops in the Meuse offensive of World War I. He collaborated, came to this country and under army auspices sired many of the homing pigeons that served in World War II.

Otto Meyer, the civilian in charge of pigeons here, soon will observe his own thirty-first year as a pigeon handler. Of his most unusual ward Meyer commented:

"The old boy doesn't seem to show his age at all. He has up and stumped by his ruggedness and good disposition."

The bird has caught all the experts pigeon-toed. He is a cross between a Jurion and a Delmonte. Each breed has a normal longevity of nine years. Authorities say 25 years is the highest age ever reached by any homing breed.

Kaiser still wears on his left leg the aluminum identification band that he wore when captured. It is embossed with the German imperial crown.

The venerable pigeon is even assured of an after-death niche. Kaiser will be stuffed and mounted in the National museum in Washington—if he ever tires of baffling the experts.

Georgie Water Shortage Ends With a Twist of the Wrist

JASPER, GA.—Folks in Jasper once again enjoyed tubfuls of water on Saturday nights because by a simple turn of the wrist a man was able to fix a faulty washer.

For two months this small mountain community had suffered an acute water shortage. No cars were washed. Drinking water was taken to hospital patients in bottles. Baths were rare.

Officials thought the city wells were drying up. Another well was drilled 375 feet deep at a cost of $3,000. It was completed and sanitary tests were started.

Then Barney N. Coleman, former water works superintendent, returned from a construction job on Okinawa. He was authorized to examine the wells and overhaul the pumping system.

The water tank contained 20,000 gallons and was rising rapidly toward the 100,000 gallon capacity.

In overhauling the pump, Coleman found that a washer had been put on backwards. Water was leaking back into the well from the tank.

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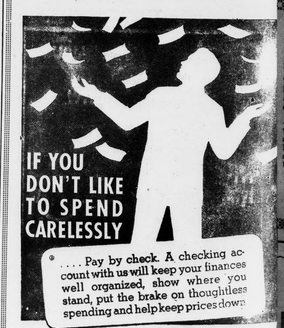

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Cattle Eat Molasses Made of Hickory and Oak; Ask for More

Sugars in New Fodder Not Fermentable

NEW ORLEANS.—In a recent experiment here molasses mixed with oak and hickory shavings were fed to cattle which ate the mixture with relish and licked their lips appreciatingly.

This ersatz fodder, its developers say, not only resembles residual blackstrap molasses, but under a microscope a person can hardly tell one from the other. As far as taste goes, neither man nor beast, they say, can detect a difference.

The molasses used in the test was made in the United States forestry laboratory at Madison, Wis., where a small pilot plant is turning it out in "reasonable quantities," according to C. R. Lockard, chief of the forest utilization service of the southern forestry experiment station here.

Oak and hickory are used because the sugarr in hardwood are not fermentable.

Scientists have known for about 100 years how to convert cellulose into sugar, Lockhard said. Wood is 60 to 75 per cent cellulose.

But it wasn't until recently that a practical, economical method was hit upon.

Finely divided wood, either sawdust, shavings or chips is put into a huge tank, called a "digester." Hot sulphuric acid is allowed to flow over these wood particles.

In three hours, all the cellulose in the wood has been converted into sugars and a weak sugar solution—about 5 per cent—is drained from the vat. The acid is neutralized with lime.

This solution then is distilled into molasses, about 50 or 60 per cent sugar.

Only one step more remains. The forestry service chemists must determine the exact nutritive value of the wood molasses as compared with ordinary blackstrap.

"Drunken Drivers" Shock Police in Atlanta, Ga.

ATLANTA.—Police, summoned by worried passersby who reported numerous "drunken" drivers along two blocks of Piemont avenue, were baffled for a moment themselves.

Investigating the reports, they found that novice operators of the city's traffic marking machine had let slip too often and painted a badly zig-zagging line down the middle of the street.

The motorists were following it too faithfully.

Stassen wins in Wisconsin primary over MacArthur and Dewey.

Three rail unions reject offer of pay boost.

Spout Spring

Spout Spring, April 6- Cancer control was presented at Spout Spring Baptist Church on Sunday, April 4. A contribution of $8.61 was made.

Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs visited in the home of his parents on Sunday.

Visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Martin Sunday were Misses Anna Bell Housman and Alice Jennings.

Also George Almond, William Layne and Mr. and Mrs. William Jacobs.

Spout Spring, April 6.- Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Harris, Miss Clarkie Cheatham and Mr. Aubrey Cheatham were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Carson. A lovely dinner was served, the occasion being Mrs. Harris' birthday.

Spout Spring, April 6.- Miss Anna Bell Housman spent last weekend with Miss Alyce Jennings.

Mr. and Mrs., Geo. Carson and children spent Sunday in the home of her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Cyrus visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Roberts, of Concord Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Lawson, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Babcock and son, and Jimmie Dickerson spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dickerson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mosby Harris spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Carson.

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Richwood

Richwood, April 7.- Services at Wesley Chapel Church Sunday at 3 P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Paulett motored to Richmond, Va., Friday to visit friends, returning Sunday night.

Mr. C. M. Rush and Mrs. C. S. Rush were in Lynchburg Friday visiting Mr. Alfred Rush, who is in a hospital there. Alfred is reported as improving rapidly.

Mr. J. T. Love spent the week-end in Durham, N. C., visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pillow visited with Mr. Pillow's mother Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mary Lula Jordan, Miss Dorothy Marshall, Miss Margaret Moore, Malcolm Jordan and Merrill Jordan all motored to Washington, D. C. Sunday, sight-seeing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Pugh drove to Gladys Saturday to pick-up Mrs. Jack Hamilton, who has been visiting there with friends.

Chas. Rush and A. B. Hunter were in Lynchburg Sunday.

Herman Pillow was visiting in Lynchburg Tuesday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Elder and family have moved to Spout Spring.

Italian Reds debate strike.

Anthracite miners walk out.

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